

REMARKS / ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-14 are pending as in the original patent. Claims 15-22 as in the original patent are cancelled. Claims 23-30 as added in this application are pending.

The Office Action objects that the specification fails to contain the notice as required under 37 CFR 1.77(a) of prior issued application 09/333,669. The specification has been amended to include the notice suggested in the Office Action.

The Office Action also objects that the supplemental reissue oath/declaration under 37 CFR 1.175(b)(1) is defective. A further supplemental reissue oath/declaration is filed with this response to the Office Action including the missing language noted in the Office Action.

Claims 15-22 are being canceled since they are the same as claims 15-22 of U.S. Patent No. RE37,549 which issued from the first reissue Application No. 09/333,669.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment in relation to the original patent. The attached page is captioned **"Version with markings to show changes made."**

For the reasons above, the Applicants submit that the claims as amended are allowable and respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

In the Specification:

Before the title "Background of the Invention" please insert the following new sentence:

Application 09/975,220 filed October 11, 2001, and co-pending application
09/333,669 filed June 15, 1999, are each reissues of U.S. Patent No.
5,639,373 (Application No. 08/514,119 filed August 11, 1995).

In the Claims:

Claims 15 to 22 have been cancelled.